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GREAT BY 8 STATEWIDE SUMMIT SET FOR JUNE 24-25

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Great By 8, a collaborative effort of state and community agencies focused on expanding and strengthening support to programs and services for Kentucky's children from birth through age 8, is hosting a statewide summit on June 24 and 25.

The summit will be held at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. On Thursday, June 24, activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, June 25, Kentucky First Lady Jane Beshear will welcome participants at 8:30 a.m.

Great by 8 is sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Education, [Kentucky Early Childhood Regional Training Centers](#), [Kentucky School Boards Association](#), [Kentucky System to Enhance Early Development](#) (KY SEED), [Head Start Collaboration Office](#), [Zero to Three](#) and [Project CLICK](#) (Cradling Literacy In Children in Kentucky).

The effort emphasizes building leadership capacity to increase program collaboration and coordination and help communities determine how best to meet their local needs for improving the quality of schools, programs and services for all children. The ultimate goal: to eliminate achievement gaps that exist between groups of students by giving all of them a high-quality start on learning.

At the summit, regional teams representing health, education, business, early childhood, parents, community and faith-based organizations as well as elected and civic leaders will convene to learn more from leading national authorities about the urgency of this issue.

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Following the summit, each regional team will conduct a needs assessment to identify resources and gaps for children, birth-8. The results of those assessments will be used as the foundation to develop and implement local action plans.

Activities during the summit include recognition of high-quality preschool, Head Start and child care programs; presentations on the economy and achievement gaps; and discussion of local action plans.

Featured speakers include

- Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday
- Joe Meyer, acting secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet
- Janie Miller, secretary of the Cabinet for Family and Health Services
- Bill Scott, executive director, Kentucky School Boards Association
- Robert Grunewald, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- Thomas Lamb, senior vice president of Government Affairs, PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.
- Janice Im, senior director of programs, Zero to Three
- Dorothy Strickland, professor of education, emerita, Rutgers University
- Kentucky State Representative Carl Rollins

A full agenda follows.

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AGENDA



An Initiative to Improve Economic Growth in Kentucky

**Thursday June 24, 2010
Embassy Suites, Lexington KY
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. ET**

5:30	Networking/Hors d'oeuvres	Coldstream Ball Rooms 1 – 5
5:50	Video Presentation	“Change the First 5 Years and You Change Everything
6:00	Welcome	Dr. Terry Holliday: Kentucky Education Commissioner
6:15	Where we’ve been, Where we’re going	Deputy Secretary Eric Friedlander: Cabinet for Health and Family Services Acting Secretary Joe Meyer: Cabinet for Education and Workforce Development
6:30	The Urgency	Cate Lauzon: Owensboro Independent School Board Member Bill Farmer: Bluegrass United Way Jeffery Hammond: Supervisor of Education, Federal Medical Center -Federal Bureau of Prisons
7:00	Recognition of High-Quality Programs	Earl Trevor: Head Start Collaboration Office Mary Beth Jackson: Cabinet for Health and Family Services Annette Bridges: Kentucky Department of Education
7:30	Expectations for Next Day	Nancy Lovett: RTC Director, Calloway County Sarah Belanger: Project Manager, Cradling Literacy In Children in Kentucky/CLICK

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**Friday June 25, 2010
Embassy Suites, Lexington KY
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET**

8:00 - 8:30	Breakfast	Foyer 3
8:30 - 8:50	Welcome	Coldstream Ballrooms 1-5 First Lady Jane Beshear Secretary Janie Miller: Cabinet for Health and Family Services Dr. Terry Holliday: Kentucky Education Commissioner B. Russell Harper: Executive Director -Area Development Districts Bill Scott: Executive Director -Kentucky School Boards Association
8:50 - 9:05	Opening Remarks	Annette Bridges: Kentucky Department of Education
9:05 - 9:15	Charge to Teams	Nancy Lovett, Sarah Belanger, Co-Coordiators of Summit
9:15 - 10:15	Economy's Best Investment	Robert Grunewald: Associate Economist Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
10:15 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 11:00	The Business Perspective	Thomas F. Lamb, Jr.: Senior Vice President of Government Affairs PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.
11:00 - 12:00	Birth -3: The Early Years	Janice Im: Senior Director of Programs – Zero to Three
12:00 - 1:10	Working Lunch:	Facilitator - Phyllis Hall: RTC Director, Anderson County Reflection Questions - What was surprising? What are the connections for birth-8 for your team? <i>Action Plan Questions and Discussion</i>
1:10 - 1:15	Video Presentation	"What Quality Looks Like for 3- and 4-Year Olds"
1:15 - 2:10	Eliminating Achievement Gaps Through Developmentally Appropriate Practices	Dorothy Strickland: Professor of Education, Emerita, Rutgers University, State University of New Jersey
2:10 - 2:15	Video Presentation	"What Quality Looks Like in Kindergarten"
2:15 - 2:30	Break	

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2:25 - 2:30	Video Presentation	“What Quality Looks Like in Primary”
2:30 - 3:30	Primary Connection- Panel	Lu Young: Superintendent, Jessamine County Schools Karen Cheser: Assistant Superintendent, Boone County Schools Gisele Crawford: Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute
3:30 - 3:45	Reflections	Felicia Smith: Associate Commissioner, KDE Office of Teaching and Learning Larry Taylor: Interim Associate Commissioner, KDE Office of Special Instructional Services
3:45 - 4:00	Closing Remarks	Honorable Carl Rollins, 56th District Representative

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